

Biographical Sketch for Mr. Paul E. Davis, P.E.

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Since 1988, Mr. Paul Davis has served as the director of TDEC's Division of Water Pollution Control, which—with its staff of more than 200 engineers, scientists and support personnel in nine offices across Tennessee—is involved in management and regulatory activities for protecting the state's surface waters. Mr. Davis' duties include water quality planning, monitoring, permits, compliance review, enforcement, mining regulation, oil and gas regulation, abandoned land reclamation, and emergency response. In that position, he also serves as technical secretary for the Tennessee Water Quality Control Board. Mr. Davis' history in Water Pollution Control began in 1974 and includes five years as environmental engineer in the Knoxville office, two years as chief of Compliance Review in Nashville, five years as manager of the Permit Section, and three years as deputy director.

Mr. Davis served as president of the Tennessee Section of the American Water Resources Association and has also served (1989 – 1991) and continues to serve (August 2005 – present) on the Board of Directors of the Association of State and Interstate Water Pollution Control Administrators. He was the secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky-Tennessee Water Pollution Control Association from 1988 to 2003, and he won the S. Leary Jones Achievement Award in 2001. Mr. Davis was also named the Water Conservationist of the Year (1997) by the Tennessee Conservation League and the 2004 Government Engineer of the Year by the Nashville Chapter of the Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers. He has served on the Center's Advisory Board since 2004 and was the Commissioner's Designee for the Underground Storage Tank Board from 1997 to 2005. In 1993, Mr. Davis won the Arthur Sidney Bedell Award from the Water Environment Federation.

Mr. Davis earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. He also attended the Tennessee Government Executive Institute in 1989.